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TAGS: PFOR, LE, FR

SUBJ: FRENCH MISSION TO LEBANON

REF: PARIS 4929

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF

FRENCH MISSION NOTED IN REFTEL APPEARED IN

THIS MORNING'S LEBANESE PRESS.

2. THERE ARE INICATIONS THAT FRENCH MISSION RESULTS PARTLY

FROM APPROACHES TO THE FRENCH BY LEBANESE PRES FRANGIE'S RELA-

TIVE, LUCIEN DAHDAAH (CHAIRMAN OF THE INTRA-INVESTMENT COMPANY)

WHO PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SYRIAN INITIATIVE AIMED AT FINDING

SOLUTION TO LEBANESE CRISIS. DAHDAHH ACTUALLY APPROACHED EMB-

ASSY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. ROLE IN

THE RECONSTRUCTION ASPECTS OF A SETTLEMENT AND STATED THAT

FRANCE WOULD BE ANOTHER POSSIBILITY TO FULFILL THIS ROLE.

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3. SOUR GRAPE COMMENTARY APART, THE FRENCH HAVE ALWAYS

SEEMED TO BE MORE AGILE WITH RESPECT TO TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, AND MAY WELL HAVE NOT IGNORED SUCH CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS CASE. AFTER ALL, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE LEBANESE WILL BE EVENTUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING LARGE CREDITS FROM THE WEALTHY ARAB COUNTRIES FOR VARIOUS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. BEING IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE FRENCH TECHNICIANS TO PREPARE THE SPECIFICATIONS ON SUCH PROJECTS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL TO FRENCH COMMERCIAL INTEREST.

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